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Highway 33 bridge over WI River  
city of Portage

Pierre Paquette →

- operated a barge over the river,
- upon receipt of suff. contributions

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## Gary, Aaron

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**From:** Battiato, Kate  
**Sent:** Friday, April 01, 2011 9:15 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** Info on Mr. Pierre Pauquette

**Attachments:** Murtagh, Blanche, Park replaced clay pits of Portage Brick.pdf; Murtagh, Blanche, Who would you bring back.pdf

Hi Aaron,

Thank you so much for your help in drafting the Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge bill. Attached please find some information on this great man from our local history expert, Blanche Murtagh from Portage.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Have a great day,

Kate Battiato

Office of State Rep. Fred Clark  
(608) 266-7746



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Murtagh,

# Park replaced clay pits of Portage Brick

**D**usk was beginning to pull its gray mantle across Pauquette Park in Portage as the last familiar strains of Beethoven's Fifth ended, as played by the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra. The momentary silence was broken by long applause. Some who came had hoped to be transported for a short while to another place, another time in their search for tranquility with-in the music.

Then there were the sounds of lawn chairs being folded, the gathering of picnic baskets, the well wishes to friends, as well as those who had become friends as they sat together in the park. The enjoyment of music is a binding force.

The people assembled were reminded with music that Portage was celebrating the 150th year of its incorporation in the presentation of "The Sesquicentennial Salute."

Were others reminded of those who had fashioned Portage and especially Pauquette Park?

All people have importance in their life, but some more so by their long-lived contributions.

It is good to remember at this time, some of them:

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**Pierre Pauquette**  
(1795-1836)

The park carries the name of the most widely known settler here. His great physical strength, his fearlessness, unquestioned honesty gave him high standing with the traders, Indians and the federal government. Pauquette was of Indian and French lineage, and worked for John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. He also was an interpreter for the army.

Pauquette started a pole ferry business that went across the Wisconsin River near the site that eventually became the park. It consisted of two boats, a large skiff for foot passengers and a flat boat for teams. The ferry was replaced by the old red covered bridge in 1857. It was said to be the state's longest bridge at 650 feet, costing \$26,000 and containing 100,000 feet of lumber. A tornado destroyed it and an iron bridge was installed, lasting until 1968.

The new bridge required additional space. To the great dismay of preservationists, the old house in which Pauquette had lived was demolished.

Pauquette had served as the financial intermediary between the Indians and the federal government. It was rumored that Pauquette had money buried on his property. Hordes of people with metal finders appeared at the demolition

site with the hope of finding a fortune. They did not.

The life, even the death and burial of Pauquette is probably a portrayal of what life was really like in the beginning of what we now call Portage.

The park beside the Wisconsin River should bear his name proudly.

## William Armstrong

How many at the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra concert last Saturday realized that they were sitting in a clay pit?

William Armstrong established his brick yard in 1847 within that area. Prior to that, the location provided the clay that was used for brick in the 1828 construction of Fort Winnebago. Armstrong's business thrived, producing 600,000 bricks, in 1870. Many of the bricks were used in constructing the homes and businesses in Portage. Even today, the bricks are referred to as Portage Brick. Many bricks were floated down the Wisconsin River to other communities, and are noted especially in the Sauk Prairie area. The Armstrong Brickyards closed during the late 1880s.

Judge Howard Latton, who researched the property shared with me a copy of a quit-claim deed. It reveals that on July 20, 1906, Huldah Armstrong, Jay B. Cook and Charles Dering, as trustees of the estate of William Armstrong, sold to Adam Rebholz, Portage, the land west of the entrance to the Wisconsin River Bridge, for \$15. Several weeks later, on Aug. 13, 1906, Adam Rebholz and his wife Amarand, sold the land to the City of Portage for \$20. It was the beginning of what eventually became Pauquette Park as the city filled the clay pits.

The roles that Zona Gale as a member of the first Portage Park Board and her friend, John Nolan, an internationally known landscape architect who visited Portage to design Pauquette Park will be told later.

*Blanche Murtagh writes with sage and spice about various topics and is active in the Portage community.*

# Who would you bring back?

There's news aplenty in Portage and Wisconsin these days.

As an escape from all of that, think awhile as to who among this old city's many historic figures you would like returned. And for what reason.

The answers I received from the folks that I had asked the question were interesting, and even amusing. But I liked best the answer I got from Joe, one of our local historians, who immediately said, "Pierre Pauquette." Joe had apparently, that day, gone the tour route when he tried to use the Highway 33 Wisconsin River bridge. It was closed for redecking.

Joe, who is always seeking an audience for his tales about "the Portage," as it was called in its earliest days, went on (and on) in explaining why he picked Pauquette as his choice to



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**SAGE AND ASSORTED SPICE**

return from the ages and be helpful to the people of Portage in this year of 2011.

Settling back in his chair, unbuttoning the remaining button on his shirt to allow the expanding breath, he continued:

"Pierre Pauquette was born in 1795 and was probably the best-known settler of that time. He was a very large man and had tremendous strength. No one dared to question his honesty;

that gave him high standing with the traders, the Indians and the federal government. He served as an interpreter and had even been called to Washington, D.C. Pierre was born of French and Indian lineage. He worked for John Jacob Astor's American Fur Co.

"As I went the extra miles to get across the Wisconsin River, realizing that the bridge work wouldn't be finished until sometime in June, was when I wished Pauquette could be called back from time.

"Pauquette had started a pole ferry business across the Wisconsin River just about where the bridge is now. His ferry business consisted of two boats. One was a skiff and the other was a flatboat for teams of horses. Pauquette's ferry was replaced in 1857 by what is referred to as the old red covered bridge.

"When it was built, it was considered to be the state's longest bridge. It contained 100,000 feet of lumber and cost \$26,000. A tornado destroyed the bridge. In its place, the state constructed an iron bridge and it was replaced in 1968 with the one that is now being redecked.

"Couldn't help thinking if the old red covered bridge had been overlooked by the tornado, and it was still here, it sure would help build up Portage's tourist business — as another duck in the row," he added, with a prolonged wink at this writer.

"There's one sure thing. Pierre Pauquette Ferry would have darned good business this summer."

*Blanche Murtagh is a longtime Portage resident and activist who has had many of her stories published.*



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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- 1 AN ACT ...; relating to: designating and marking a bridge on STH 33 in the city  
2 of Portage as the Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge. ✓

*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, certain highway routes and bridges have been designated and marked to memorialize, commemorate, or recognize certain individuals, groups, or events. This bill directs the Department of Transportation to designate and, upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, mark the bridge on STH 33 across the Wisconsin River in the city of Portage as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge" to recognize and honor this fearless and honest early settler of Wisconsin who operated a ferry business across the Wisconsin River and served as an intermediary between the federal government and the Native Americans of the area. No state funds, other than from contributions from interested parties, may be used for the erection or maintenance of any markers to identify the bridge as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Highway" Bridge

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For further information see the local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 3 SECTION 1. 84.10235 of the statutes is created to read:

**84.10235 Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge.** (1) The department shall designate and, subject to sub. (2), mark the bridge on STH 33 across the Wisconsin River in the city of Portage as the “Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge” to recognize and honor this fearless and scrupulously honest early settler of Wisconsin who operated a ferry business across the Wisconsin River where the bridge now stands and who served as an intermediary between the federal government and the Native Americans of the area.

(2) Upon receipt of sufficient contributions from interested parties, including any county, city, village, or town, to cover the costs of erecting and maintaining markers for the bridge specified in sub. (1) to identify clearly to motorists the designation of the bridge as the "Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge," the department shall erect and maintain the markers as provided in sub. (1). No state funds, other than from the receipt of contributions under this subsection, may be expended for the erection or maintenance of the markers. The department shall determine the placement of the markers, which may be located on the bridge or within the highway right-of-way approaching the bridge.

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**Gary, Aaron**

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**From:** Battiato, Kathryn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2011 8:42 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** Please draft LRB 1815/P1 relating to the Pierre Pauquette Memorial Bridge for introduction

Dear Arron,

Rep. Clark has reviewed LRB 1815/P1 and it is satisfied with its current form. If you could please draft that for introduction we would really appreciate it.

Thank you!  
Kate Battiato

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**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 11-1815/1 Topic: Pierre Pauquette memorial bridge

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